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For: MICROORGANISM CULTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSERTING BAG INTO CULTURING APPARATUS	

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Applicants note that Reference No. 4 is incorrectly listed as JP 011243293 on the International Search Report and should be listed as 01-124329.

The relevance of Reference Nos. 1 and 2 is discussed in the English translation of the International Search Report attached hereto.

The relevance of Reference No. 5 is discussed in on page 1 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The relevance of Reference No. 6 is discussed in on page 1 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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